

Introduced by Senator Kehoe

February 16, 2007

An act to add Section 882.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 323, as introduced, Kehoe. Telecommunications: broadband report.

Existing law required the Public Utilities Commission to consider ways to ensure that advanced telecommunications services are made available as ubiquitously and economically as possible, in a timely fashion to California's citizens, institutions, and businesses and to develop rules, procedures, orders, or strategies, to provide all citizens and businesses with access to the widest possible array of advanced communications services, to provide the state's educational and health care institutions with access to advanced communications services, and to ensure cost-effective deployment of technology so as to protect ratepayer's interests and the affordability of telecommunications service.

This bill would require the commission, by January 1, 2009, and by January 1 of each year through 2013, to report to the Legislature on the availability of two-way broadband telecommunications access in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 882.5 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:

- 1 882.5. On or before January 1, 2009, and by January 1 of each
2 year through 2013, the commission shall report to the Legislature
3 on the availability of two-way broadband telecommunications
4 access, including both of the following:
- 5 (a) All geographic areas where two-way broadband access is
6 unavailable.
 - 7 (b) All geographic areas where there is a lack of competition
8 for providing two-way broadband.